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1. ECON/COMM MINISTER DISCUSSED NEED FOR MORE
FLEXIBLE EC POSITION ON HANDLING AGRICULTURE JAN 30
WITH ACTING ASSTSEC LAUTENSCHLAGER IN FORNOFFICE.
ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN TIED UP WITH PREPARATIONS FOR
SCHMIDT-GISCARD MEETING, LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID HE
WAS AWARE OF URGENCY OF PROBLEM. HE PROMISED TO
WORK WITH EC COMMISSION IN TRYING TO FIND AN
ACCEPTABLE APPROACH FOR DISPOSING OF THIS CONFLICT
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WHICH WOULD PERMIT SUBSTANTIVE WORK TO

START WITHOUT DELAY.

2. EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY WITH MORAWITZ AND KUEHN IN ECONMIN. WHILE BOTH OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THERE COULD BE NO CHANGE IN COMMUNITY DECISION THAT AGRICULTURE MUST BE TREATED SEPARATELY, KUEHN THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SET DOWN THIS DECISION ONLY IN A MORE SECRET RECORD OF DISCUSSION ON WHICH EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE BASED. MANDATE ITSELF COULD THEN BE MORE VAGUE. WE TOLD KUEHN THAT ALTHOUGH THIS TACTIC WOULD HELP DEAL WITH PUBLICITY PROBLEM, IT WOULD NOT MEET BASIC NEED TO FIND SOLUTION TO US-EC DIFFERENCES. HILLENBRAND

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